

## Project Summary Sheet

Project Name: Santa Maria Creek Flood Protection Corridor

Tracking No: 4004

Location: western outskirts of town of Ramona

County: San Diego

Project Sponsor: The Nature Conservancy (San Diego office)

Point of Contact: Susan Wittering, TNC

Co-applicant(s): large scale, multiorganizational long term project

Assembly District: Senate District:

Project Description: A significant, far reaching plan to preserve and protect from development a number of thousand acre plus ranches around the town site as there is pressure to develop in this rare coastal upland grassland, much of which constitutes a riparian/seasonal wetland area.

Flood Benefits: The downtown area of Ramona and surrounds have experienced flooding several times in the past two decades, and it appears to be worsening in frequency and volume. This project promises to set aside a large area, then rebuild the creek and the native habitat to slow the waters, slow the erosion and restore the riparian zones on Santa Maria Creek.

Agricultural Benefits: Preservation of large parcels of grazing lands

Agricultural Land Conserved, acres, if any: 2 parcels: 482 (previously owned) and 344 proposed for acquisition.

Wildlife Benefits: Refreshed riparian corridor and seasonal wetlands will attract many species.

Wildlife Habitat Conserved, acres, if any: 344 acres of wildlife compatible grazing lands added to 482 acres already conserved.

Total area conserved: 826 acres

Other Benefits: recreation, water quality improvement

Total Cost: \$65,000,000

FPCP Cost: \$2,600,000

Funding Partners and Share of Cost:

Fed. Wildlife 3,911,000

Local 639,000

In Kind 250,000